



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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June 19, 2006

Dry Weather and A Lot of Farming

Dry weather throughout the week helped with the harvest of barley and hay, but conditions are still too dry to maintain good soil moisture. Temperatures reached as high as 90 degrees with few rain showers. This allowed **6.3 days suitable for field work**. The first cutting of **hay** is nearly complete. Reporters indicate that 94 percent of alfalfa hay and 86 percent of all other hay have undergone the first cutting of the season.

Soybean planting, is 80 percent complete, compared to the five year average of 68 percent. Small grains were reported in mostly good condition. Winter wheat harvest is just beginning. Last week, winter wheat was rated 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Hot weather conditions greened **corn** and helped crops grow.

Pasture was rated 5 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 3 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2006

Item		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development		<i>Percent</i>			
Barley:	Turned	94	84	97	96
	Harvested	51	---	39	40
Winter Wheat: Turned		92	---	71	73
Field Crops					
Soybeans:	Planted	80	70	75	68
	Emerged	60	50	52	52
Hay					
Alfalfa Hay	1st Cutting	94	88	87	84
	2nd Cutting	36	11	16	17
Other Hay	1st Cutting	86	82	80	77
Vegetables					
Cantaloups		87	84	84	87
Cucumbers		62	60	63	56
Lima Beans (Processed)		57	53	51	54
Snap Beans		63	62	67	63
Sweet Corn		89	86	87	89
Tomatoes		92	88	90	92
Watermelons		91	88	91	86
Green Peas Harvested		74	40	48	58
Fruits					
Strawberries Harvested		83	69	83	82

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	18	18	1	13	13	4
Short	47	37	12	39	38	15
Adequate	34	44	62	48	49	62
Surplus	1	1	25	-	-	19

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2006

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.32	12.33	-6.26	90	55	70	-3
Easton	0.30	13.86	-4.46	88	51	68	-1
Frederick	0.06	16.13	-5.69	85	44	62	-2
Frostburg	0.26	9.27	-8.57	88	52	68	-3
Hagerstown	0.79	11.23	-9.56	85	53	66	-7
Mechanicsville	0.91	10.09	-8.73	84	57	70	-3
Patuxent River	2.24	12.11	-8.39	83	53	67	-6
Ocean City	1.54	13.32	-6.94	85	48	66	-7
Salisbury	0.07	13.28	-5.04	90	43	66	-4
Sharpsburg	0.28	12.17	-7.10	87	58	70	-3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.39	11.70	-5.31	88	57	72	-5
Delaware							
Dover	0.20	11.56	-8.07	88	57	69	-4
Georgetown	0.50	11.22	-8.77	87	56	69	-3
Wilmington	0.02	15.11	-3.57	85	52	68	-4

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